GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4343
ANSWERED ON:12.12.2016
Promotion of Ancient Languages
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the languages which have been granted the status of ancient language in the country;
(b) whether the Government has implemented any scheme regarding providing financial assistance through various projects for promotion of the ancient languages;
(c) if so, the details thereof and the amount provided for promoting ancient languages during the last three years and the current year, languagewise;
(d) whether the Government has received any proposal regarding projects related to ancient languages during the last three years; and
(e) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(DR. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY)
(a) to (e): There is no term called as 'ancient language' as recognised by the Government of India . The Government of India has initiated a Scheme known as "Protection and Preservation of Endangered Languages of India' (SPPEL). Under this scheme, the Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL), Mysore works on protection, preservation and documentation of the mother tongues/languages of India which are spoken by less than 10,000 people. University Grants Commission (UGC) has formulated a scheme 'Establishment of Centres for Endangered Languages in Central Universities' under which the following amounts have been approved and released to seven Central Universities:-
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(Rs. in Lakhs)
No. Name of University Allocation Grant Released so far
1. Tezpur University, Assam 600.00 300.00
2. Rajiv Gandhi University,
Arunachal Pradesh 180.00 90.00
3. Sikkim University 180.00 90.00
4. Indira Gandhi National Tribal
University, M.P. 530.00 265.00
5. Central University of Karnataka 360.00 180.00
6. Visva Bharati, West Bengal 800.00 400.00
7. Central University of Kerala 360.00 180.00
Grant Total 3010.00 1505.00
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UGC has also provided financial assistance to six State Universities under the scheme for "Study and Research in Indigenous and Endangered Languages of India' as under:
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No. Name of the University Allocation Grant already
released
1. Jadavpur University, West Bengal 1,33,50,000/- 51,51,000/-
2. Bharathiar University, Tamil Nadu 95,65,000/- 87,25,000/-
3. Dravadian University,
Andhra Pradesh
1,60,50,000/- 78,50,000/-
4. National Law University, Delhi 1,92,50,000/- 1,10,50,000/-
5. Kerala University, Kerala 1,92,50,000/- 1,10,50,000/-
6. Berhampur University, Odisha 1,92,50,000/- 1,10,50,000/-
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